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Amendments to the Claims

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1. (previously presented) A method for personalizing rating limits in a parental control system, comprising:
 - enabling reproduction of a rating sample having a first rating from a first source;
 - detecting a user input indicating the acceptability of the rating sample;
 - generating a first transition point based on the user input and the first rating; and
 - using the first transition point to determine whether data from the first source is output or blocked.
2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the rating sample further includes a second rating from a second source, and further comprised of:
 - generating a second transition point based on the user input and the second rating;and
 - using the second transition point to determine whether data from the second source is output or blocked.
3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the user input indicates an MPAA rating.
4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the user input indicates a TV Parental Guidelines rating.
5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the user input indicates the acceptability of the rating sample for one or more individuals.
6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the ratings sample comprises at least one of video data, audio data and text data.
7. (previously presented) An apparatus, comprising:

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interface means for detecting a user input indicating the acceptability of a rating sample having a first rating from a first source; and

control means for generating a first transition point based on the user input and the first rating, and for using the first transition point to determine whether data from the first source is output or blocked.

8. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the rating sample further includes a second rating from a second source, and the control means generates a second transition point based on the user input and the second rating and uses the second transition point to determine whether data from the second source is output or blocked.

9. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the user input indicates an MPAA rating.

10. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the user input indicates a TV Parental Guidelines rating.

11. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the user input indicates the acceptability of the rating sample for one or more individuals.

12. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the ratings sample comprises at least one of video data, audio data and text data.

13. (previously presented) A television signal receiver, comprising:
an interface operative to detect a user input indicating the acceptability of a rating sample having a first rating from a first source; and
a processor operative to generate a first transition point based on the user input and the first rating, and to use the first transition point to determine whether data from the first source is output or blocked.

14. (previously presented) The television signal receiver of claim 13, wherein the rating sample further includes a second rating from a second source, and the processor is operative to generate a second transition point based on the user input and the second rating and to use the second transition point to determine whether data from the second source is output or blocked.

15. (previously presented) The television signal receiver of claim 13, wherein the user

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input indicates an MPAA rating.

16. (previously presented) The television signal receiver of claim 13, wherein the user input indicates a TV Parental Guidelines rating.

17. (previously presented) The television signal receiver of claim 13, wherein the user input indicates the acceptability of the rating sample for one or more individuals.

18. (previously presented) The television signal receiver of claim 13, wherein the ratings sample comprises at least one of video data, audio data and text data.